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APPENDIX.

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMY

FOR THE SESSION 1867-68.

NOVEMBER 11, 1867.

SIR WILLIAM R. WILDE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following papers were read :—

“On an Ancient Irish MS. preserved in the Public Library at Rennes;” by the Rev. J. H. Todd, D.D.

“On a Collection of Original Drawings of Antiquities, lately presented to the Academy;” by G. V. Du Noyer, Esq.

“On the Investigation of the Pre-Celtic Period;” by Hyde Clarke, Esq.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the donors.

STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 30, 1867.

The Rev. JAMES H. TODD, D.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following papers were read :—

“On the Book of Fermoy;” by the Rev. J. H. Todd.

“On an Ogham Chamber at Drumlohan;” by R. R. Brash, Esq.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the donors.

DECEMBER 9, 1867.

ROBERT M'DONNELL, M.D., in the Chair.

The following paper was read :—

“On Muscular Anomalies in the Human Anatomy, and their bearing upon Homotypical Myology;” by Alexander Macalister, Esq., L. R. C. S., &c.

Donations were received, and thanks voted to the donors.

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JANUARY 13, 1868.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD TALBOT DE MALAHIDE, President, in the Chair.

The following were elected members of the Academy :—

Henry Oliver Barker, LL.D. ; Right Hon. Colonel Fitz-Stephen French, M.P. ; George H. Kinahan, Esq. ; Robert Edwin Lyne, Esq. ; John Chaloner Smith, Esq. ; Richard D. Urlin, Esq. ; and J. Obins Woodhouse, Esq.

The following papers were read :—

“ On certain Frankish Antiquities ;” exhibited by the President.

“ On the Occurrence of the Number Two in Irish Proper Names ;” by P. W. Joyce, Esq.

“ On the Rotation of the Moon ;” by William Ogilby, Esq.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the donors.

JANUARY 27, 1868.

JOHN KELLS INGRAM, LL.D., in the Chair.

The following Resolution was adopted :—

To lend to the Leeds Exhibition a selection of articles illustrative of Irish Art from our Museum ; such resolution and the conditions of the loan to be arranged by the Committee of Antiquities.

The following Report of the Committee of Economy to the Council, dated November 9, 1867, and read to the Council November 18, 1867, was brought up, and read :—

“ The Committee of Economy, in reference to the Council resolution of the 4th inst., beg to report, for the information of the Royal Irish Academy, as required by their resolution of the 22nd April last, that upon careful investigation it appears to the Committee that the debts and liabilities of the Academy on March 31, 1867, amounted to the sum of £304 16s. 9d., and that, giving credit for a sum of £43 3s. 8d. then in hands, there was due to the Academy’s tradesmen and others a sum of £261 13s. 1d.

“ It appears by the Minutes of Council of 20th May last, that this Committee recommended that said debt should be paid out of the Academy’s funded stock, which recommendation the Council then referred back to the Committee for reconsideration.

“ Your Committee consequently prepared a modified estimate of the expenditure of the Academy for the current year to 31st March, 1868, limiting the amount usually estimated under every head, excepting permanent appropriations and salaries, and reducing that for printing ‘ Proceedings’ and ‘ Transactions’ from an annual average expenditure of £266 to a sum of £120.

"This estimate, if it be possible to carry it out in its integrity, will at the close of the financial year produce towards the liquidation of the debt of £231 16s. 1d. a sum of £174 14s. 7d., leaving unpaid of the debt a sum of £57 1s. 6d.

"The Committee are of opinion, that as the Council have adopted this modified estimate, it is better to defer to the end of the year any recommendation in favour of or against a sale of Academy stock to clear off liabilities."

A paper by William Frazer, M.D., "On certain Chinese Seals found in Ireland" was read.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the donors.

FEBRUARY 10, 1868.

SIR WILLIAM R. WILDE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Very Rev. Charles W. Russell, D.D., President of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, was elected a member of the Academy.

George V. Du Noyer, Esq., read a "Descriptive Catalogue of 101 Drawings of Coats of Arms, from original sketches, from Tombstones," &c., which he presented to the Academy.

A special vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Du Noyer for his valuable donation.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the donors.

The following Letter from Sir THOMAS A. LARCOM was read:—

(Copy.) "DUBLIN CASTLE, *February 4, 1868.*

"SIR,—In reference to your letter of the 5th December, enclosing an estimate for the year 1868–9, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acquaint you, for the information of the Council of the Royal Irish Academy, that the Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury have intimated to his Excellency that they are willing to sanction the following items, now for the first time introduced; but only for the next financial year, as the whole question of financial Grants for the purposes of Science and Art in Ireland is under the consideration of the Government:—

"No. 6. For Preparation of Scientific Reports,	£200
„ 7. For Salary to a Library Clerk, with cost of Books and Binding,	200
„ 8. For Salary to a Museum Clerk, and for other objects connected with the study of Antiquities,	200
„ 9. For Illustrating and Printing the 'Transactions' and 'Proceedings,'	200

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed)

"THOMAS A. LARCOM.

"To W. H. HARDINGE, *Esq., Treasurer,*
Royal Irish Academy."

FEBRUARY 24, 1868.

DENIS H. KELLY, Esq., D. L., in the Chair.

The following papers were read:—

“On the Rotatory Motion of the Heavenly Bodies;” by Rev. W. G. PENNY, M.A.

“On Irish Sponges,” No. I. By Edward Perceval Wright, M. A.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the several donors.

STATED MEETING, MARCH 16, 1867.

Sir WILLIAM R. WILDE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following Report of the Council was read, and adopted:—

REPORT.

THE past year has been an important and eventful one in the history of the Academy. The Council, in the reports of recent years, took occasion more than once to complain of the insufficiency of the public grant to the Academy; and the same subject was brought by them under the notice of successive governments. A Select Committee of the House of Commons, in 1864, had strongly stated the claims of the Academy to more liberal aid, and had recommended an additional grant of £1000. In consequence of that recommendation, a sum of £200 annually was in 1865 placed at our disposal, to be expended in the cataloguing and printing of Irish MSS. But several of our departments remained in a very unsatisfactory state, for want of the funds required for their efficient working. Her Majesty's Government have lately made the agreeable announcement that the sum of £800, necessary to make up the entire additional annual grant of £1000 recommended by the Select Committee, would be included in the estimates to be laid before Parliament in the present year. For this increase of our resources we are, we believe, largely indebted to the good offices of his Excellency the Marquis of Abercorn, who, when the President and a deputation from the Academy waited on him, kindly promised to use his influence with the Government on our behalf. It will be desirable to make some changes in the organization of our departments, for the purpose of deriving the utmost possible advantage from the increased grant, and in particular, to make better provision for the safety of our Library and Museum, and render them more accessible and useful to the public. The consideration of these improved arrangements will devolve on the new Council, and we are sure they will lose no time in applying themselves to the task.

We have also much pleasure in stating, that the Government have decided on purchasing the valuable collection of Irish antiquities in the possession of the representatives of our late highly esteemed Vice-

President, Dr. Petrie, with a view to its being deposited in the Museum of the Academy. They have also, in compliance with a request from the Council, made through his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, authorized the purchase of the well-known specimen of ancient Irish art, called the "Tara Brooch," which is also to be deposited in our Museum.

Within the past year the following papers have been printed in the "Transactions" of the Academy:—

In the Department of Science—

"On the Temperature of the Lower Regions of the Earth's Atmosphere." By Professor Hennessy, F. R. S.

In the Department of Polite Literature—

"On the Rudiments of the Common Law discoverable in the published part of the *Senchus Mor*." By Samuel Ferguson, LL. D.

The paper by the Lord Bishop of Limerick, "On a Previously Undescribed Class of Monuments," which was printed at the date of the last Report, has, since then, been issued.

Of the "Proceedings," the 1st and 2nd Parts of Vol. X. have appeared in the course of the past year. The latter Part will contain abstracts of all papers read before the Academy up to the 10th of February last.

The Council have decided to commence the publication, in a size and type uniform with those of the "Proceedings," of a series to be composed of papers presented to the Academy on Irish Manuscript texts and lexicography. It is believed that the volumes of this series will find a considerable number of purchasers amongst that part of the general public who are interested in ancient Irish literature. Two papers of this new series are already in type, viz.:—

1. "Some account of the Irish MS. deposited by the President De Robieu, in the Public Library at Rennes." By Rev. J. H. Todd, D. D.

2. "A Descriptive Catalogue of the Contents of the Irish MS., commonly called the Book of Fermoy." By Rev. J. H. Todd, D. D.

Papers were brought before the Academy during the past year:—

In Science—By Mr. W. Andrews; Professor Hennessy, F. R. S.; Professor W. King; Mr. W. H. O'Leary; Mr. W. Ogilby; G. Siger-son, M. D.; Mr. A. Macalister; Rev. W. G. Penny, M. A.; and E. Perceval Wright, M. D.

In Polite Literature—By Rev. J. H. Todd, D. D.; Mr. P. W. Joyce; and M. Henri Gaidoz.

In Antiquities—By Mr. H. M. Westropp; Mr. J. Huband Smith; Hyde Clark, D. C. L.; Colonel Meadows Taylor; Mr. Richard R. Brash; Mr. S. Wood; Mr. G. V. Du Noyer; and W. Frazer, M. D.

The small amount of funds available for the Library Department precluded any extensive progress in it during the year. We received, however, some valuable presentations. We have to acknowledge, in particular, two donations of a highly interesting character, by Mr. G. V. Du Noyer, in addition to those for which the Academy is already so much indebted to that gentleman. One of these consisted of 100 original water-colour drawings of Irish Architectural Antiquities, in continuation of those previously presented; and the other of 101 drawings of coats of arms, from original sketches from tombstones. We received from the President of the Academy, besides other gifts, seventeen volumes of the Publications of the Surtees Society. We are also indebted to the Master of the Rolls, England, for a number of volumes, in continuation of those already presented by him, of the Series of Calendars and other Historical Works published under his superintendence.

A large amount of work has been executed by Professor Connellan and Mr. Joseph O'Longan, in connexion with the department of Irish MSS. and Catalogues.

Professor Connellan has been occupied in preparing for the press a portion of the Irish text of the important work, known as the "Book of Conquests," the publication of which, accompanied by the translation, will, it is believed, be hailed with satisfaction by students of Celtic literature both in this and other countries.

Mr. O'Longan has continued to be engaged in preparing elaborate Indexes of Names, Words, and Matters, to Mr. O'Curry's Catalogues of the Academy's Irish MSS.

Many additional articles of antiquarian interest have been obtained for the Museum. Under the Treasure-trove regulations we have acquired a great number of valuable gold articles from the north, south, and west of Ireland, one of them being amongst the heaviest pieces of antique manufactured gold known to have ever been discovered in this country. Very few antiquities were offered for sale to the Academy; but we have obtained by presentation a considerable number of objects illustrative of ancient Irish art. The Registration has been continued, and will be completed when the Museum arrangements are in a more advanced state.

In reply to an application of the President made in April last, the Secretary of the Treasury wrote to his lordship on the 1st of June, stating that the Lords of the Treasury had "issued their authority to the Board of Works, Ireland, for the fitting up of a Museum on the drawing-room floor of the Academy, as applied for, at an expenditure not exceeding £250."

A special meeting of the Council was called during the summer recess, and thereat the plans for the said Museum prepared by the Architect of the Board of Works were examined, approved, and signed by the President. The works were forthwith commenced under the supervision of the Committee of Antiquities.

In order to provide space in the old Museum for the Haliday Collection of Books and Pamphlets, and at the same time to utilize the glass cases, it was considered advisable to remove to, and store in, the old Council Room (which is to form a portion of the new Museum) the bronze and iron antiquities in the lower cases. Twenty-nine glass doors and cases were thus made available for the new Museum.

The following are the works which have been undertaken or completed by the Contractor of the Board :—A passage has been opened from the new Museum into the gallery of the present Museum, the intention being to retain this gallery in use; and a short staircase has been attached. The marble chimney-pieces which were on the drawing-room floor have been removed, and the proceeds of their sale will no doubt be made available by the Board of Works towards meeting the expense of the new Museum. Twenty of the glass cases of the old Museum have been set up on the north and east walls of the drawing-room, and newly polished. On the same space new pedestal glass cases have been erected. The two fire-places, and one of the lobby doors, have been bricked up. The woodwork of the windows has been painted, and part of the upper portion of the walls coloured in distemper. The heating apparatus of the old Museum has been continued in a very elaborate manner into the new Museum; but its necessity, safety, or efficiency has not yet been proved.

In reply to an inquiry addressed to the Board of Works, we have been informed that the entire sum of £250 granted for the preparation of the new Museum has been already expended. But the fittings of the room are far from being in such a state, with respect either to forwardness or security, as would justify the Council in transferring to it any portion of our collection.

The sales of the Museum Catalogue from March, 1867, to the 29th February last, produced a sum of £4 14s. 4d., which, added to the amounts acknowledged in previous years, makes a total of £39 5s. 7d. applicable to the continuation of the work.

The premiums payable upon the fire policies effected on the property of the Academy, at the National and Patriotic Offices, having been demanded, and it coming to the Treasurer's knowledge that those Companies, in case of accident by fire, would not, unless coerced by law, pay any portion of the sums insured, he called upon each Company to state their objections, and the terms upon which they would continue to insure the premises in their present condition. Substantially the reply was, that, in consequence of the nature of the heating apparatus now in use, they would decline to insure. The Council have effected a temporary insurance with another Company at a somewhat increased rate of premium, and they have thought it proper, at the same time, to call the attention of the Board of Works and the Lords of the Treasury to the alleged insecure state of the premises of the Academy, with a view to the removal of the objections brought against the existing condition of the heating apparatus.

When the Treasurer entered on his office in the month of June last, the debts and other liabilities of the Academy amounted to £250. By systematic efforts for the reduction of expenditure, he has been enabled to bring the financial affairs of the Academy into such a state that, at the close of the year, it will be almost, if not altogether, free from debt ; and he has succeeded in doing so without having recourse to the sale of any part of the funded property of the Academy. To effect this object, it was necessary to diminish the expenses of publication, especially by withdrawing, for the present, some papers intended to be printed in the "Transactions"—a necessity which is now happily removed by the increase of our grant. The Treasurer has also reorganized the entire system of accounts, and this without imposing on the Academy any additional expense.

We have lost by death within the year five Honorary Members, viz. :—

1. August Boeckh.
2. Franz Bopp.
3. Sir David Brewster, K. H., LL. D., F. R. S., &c.
4. Sir James South, Knt., F. R. S., &c.
5. Lord Wrottesley.

We have also lost nine Ordinary Members, viz. :—

1. John Anster, Esq., LL. D. ; elected February 12, 1838.
2. W. E. Bolton, Esq. ; elected November 30, 1836.
3. Francis Codd, Esq. ; elected May 12, 1851.
4. Right Hon. Francis Blackburne, LL. D., Lord High Chancellor of Ireland ; elected January 8, 1855.
5. Charles Hanlon, Esq. ; elected June 10, 1844.
6. Samuel Hannah, M. D. ; elected April 13, 1840.
7. George Meyler, Esq. ; elected June 11, 1860.
8. Thomas Richardson, M. D. ; elected January 12, 1863.
9. Right Hon. The Earl of Rosse, F. R. S., LL. D ; elected October 22, 1822.

Two of these names are highly distinguished in the fields of literature and science respectively.

Dr. Anster will long be remembered as the author of what is now, by the general verdict of competent judges, acknowledged to be the best English translation of the "Faust" of Goethe. He was born in 1798, and educated in Trinity College, where he obtained a Scholarship. In 1817 he published a prize poem on the "Death of the Princess Charlotte;" and in 1819, "Poems, with Translations from the German." After having contributed to "Blackwood's Magazine" some specimens of his translation of "Faust," he published the entire First Part in 1835. In 1837 appeared a volume of minor poetical pieces, to which he gave the title of "Xeniola." The translation of the Second

Part of "Faust" was published in 1864. Dr. Anster was called to the bar in 1824. He was elected Regius Professor of Civil Law in the University of Dublin in 1850; and published in the same year an Inaugural Lecture on the Study of the Civil Law, which he had delivered from the Chair of that Professorship.

Dr. Anster's amiable character and genial manners won for him not merely the esteem, but the affection of those who knew him. He was for many years a Member of our Council, and was on several occasions nominated a Vice-President. There appears in Vol. II. of our "Proceedings" a communication made by him to the Academy on a Letter of the Rev. Charles Wolfe, and in Vol. IV. some remarks on a book which belonged to the Duke of Monmouth.

Lord Rosse's name will always be known in the History of Astronomy, as it now is throughout the civilized world, for his construction of the great telescope, with a six-foot speculum, by means of which so many new facts have been brought to light in relation to the constitution and arrangement of the Nebulæ. One of the best descriptions extant of this instrument, with an account of some of the principal researches in which it was first used, was read before the Academy by the Rev. Dr. Robinson in 1842 and 1845, and is printed in Vol. III. of our "Proceedings." Lord Rosse was born in 1800, and entered the University of Dublin in 1818. He did not, however, proceed to a degree in that University, but graduated as M. A. at Oxford in 1822, obtaining a First Class in Mathematics. He succeeded to the title in 1841, and was elected one of the Representative Peers of Ireland in 1845. He was President of the Royal Society in 1849, and in 1862 was elected Chancellor of the University of Dublin, an office which he held till his death.

The following Ordinary Members have been elected since the 16th of March, 1867 :—

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| 1. H. O. Barker, Esq. | 10. R. E. Lyne, Esq. |
| 2. Rev. M. H. Close. | 11. M. Merriman, Esq. |
| 3. H. M. E. Crofton, Esq. | 12. The O'Connor Don, M.P. |
| 4. Thomas A. Farrell, Esq. | 13. S. H. O'Grady, Esq. |
| 5. Right Hon. Col. Fitzstephen
French, M. P. | 14. Alexandr G. Richey, Esq. |
| 6. J. S. Greene, Esq. | 15. Very Rev. Chas. W. Russell,
D.D. |
| 7. A. Hannagan, Esq. | 16. J. C. Smith, Esq. |
| 8. R. H. Jephson, Esq. | 17. R. D. Urlin, Esq. |
| 9. G. H. Kinahan, Esq. | 18. J. Obins Woodhouse, Esq. |

The following President, Council, and Officers, were elected for the year 1868-9 :—

PRESIDENT.

Right Hon. Lord Talbot de Malahide.

COUNCIL.

Committee of Science.

Robert MacDonnell, M.D., F.R.S., &c.
 William K. Sullivan, Ph. D., &c.
 Rev. George Salmon, D.D., F.R.S., &c.
 Henry Hennessy, Esq., F.R.S.
 Samuel Downing, LL.D.
 Sir Robert Kane, M.D., F.R.S., &c.
 William Stokes, M.D., &c.

Committee of Polite Literature.

John Kells Ingram, LL.D., &c.
 Robert R. Madden, M.D., &c.
 Rev. George Longfield, D.D., &c.
 Samuel Ferguson, LL.D., &c.
 Sir Bernard Burke (Ulster), LL.D., &c.
 Very Rev. Charles W. Russell, D.D., &c.
 The Archbishop of Dublin, D.D., &c.

Committee of Antiquities.

John T. Gilbert, Esq., F.S.A., &c.
 W. H. Hardinge, Esq., &c.
 Sir William R. Wilde, M.D.
 Dennis H. Kelly, D.L.
 Rev. James H. Todd, D.D., &c.
 William J. O'Donovan, LL.D.
 The Earl of Dunraven, F.R.S., &c.

TREASURER.—William H. Hardinge, Esq.

SECRETARY OF THE ACADEMY.—W. K. Sullivan, Ph.D.

SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL.—John Kells Ingram, LL.D.

LIBRARIAN.—John T. Gilbert, F.S.A., R.H.A.

SECRETARY OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—Sir W. R. Wilde, M.D.

CLERK, ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN, AND CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM.—Mr.
 Edward Clibborn.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the several donors.

APRIL 13, 1868.

As there was no business, Chair not taken.

APRIL 27, 1868.

SIR WILLIAM R. WILDE, M. D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

James Little, M. D., was elected a Member of the Academy.

A paper "On a Cave in County of Fermanagh, containing Pagan and Christian Devices," by W. F. Wakeman, Esq., was read.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the donors.

MAY 11, 1868.

SIR WILLIAM R. WILDE, M.D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following Recommendations of the Council of May 4, 1868, were unanimously adopted:—

- I. "To recommend the Academy to adopt the recommendations made in the Report of the Committee of Science on the subject of the allocation of the proposed Parliamentary Grant for the preparation of Scientific Reports and Researches; and that it be required that such investigations be reported on within the next twelve months, and the Reports become the property of the Academy."
- II. "To recommend to the Academy to grant the sum of Fifty Pounds for the purchase of Antiquities and Museum arrangements."

The following papers were read:—

"On Rock Carvings," by Hodder M. Westropp, Esq.

"On the Geology of the County of Antrim, Part I. (Stratified Rocks)," by John Kelly, Esq., C. E., &c.

Donations were presented, and thanks returned to the donors.

MAY 25, 1868.

SIR WILLIAM R. WILDE, M. D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

It was moved and seconded—

"That sixteen Members of the Academy, including the Chairman, should, under the words of the Charter, be present before the commencement of the Academy business" be entered on the Minutes.

Whereupon it was moved, as an amendment—

"That it be referred to Counsel to ascertain, and inform the Academy on the subject of the number legally requisite to be present for business at Quarterly Meetings of the Academy."

The Chairman, having put the amendment, declared the Ayes had it. A division having been taken, it appeared that there were ten in favour of the amendment, and three against it.

The following papers were read :—

“On the Geology of the Antrim (Part II.) Igneous Rocks,” by John Kelly, Esq., C. E.

“On the Inscribed Caverns at Loughnacloyduff, County of Fermanagh,” by W. H. Wakeman, Esq.

Donations presented, and thanks returned to the donors.

JUNE 8, 1868.

DENIS H. KELLY, Esq., D. L., in the Chair.

The following recommendations of the Council were adopted :—

- I. “To grant the sum of £21 for the purchase of two Copperplates of an ancient Bell, known as the ‘Berrnan Cuilnean.’”
- II. “To grant the sum of £42 for a Portrait of the late Charles Halliday, Esq., M.R.I.A., by Mr. Catterson Smith, to be placed in the Academy House.”

The following papers were read :—

“On Geological Climate” (Part I.), by Henry Hennessy, Esq., F.R.S., &c.

“On some recent Excavations at Howth,” by the Rev. J. F. Shearman.

Donations were presented, and thanks voted to the donors.

JUNE 22, 1868.

SIR WILLIAM WILDE, M. D., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following papers were read :—

“On Urns containing Human Remains recently found at Palmers-town,” by William Frazer, M.D.

“On Geological Climate” (Part II.), and also “On Two Streams flowing from the same source in opposite directions,” by Henry Hennessy, Esq., F.R.S.

“On the Antiquities of Tullagh, near Cabinteely, county of Dublin,” by Henry Parkinson, Esq.

“On certain Gold Ornaments said to have been found near Clonmacnoise, and now in the Museum of the Royal Irish Academy,” by the Rev. James Graves.

It was Resolved,—“That the paper by the Rev. James Graves be referred to Council for consideration.”

Donations were presented, and thanks returned to the donors.

The Academy then adjourned to November 9, 1868.